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11. (C/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS APPRECIATE EMBASSY RIYADH'S REPORTING ON THE NEW GOVERNOR IN NAJRAN, MISHAL BIN ABDALLAH. IN ADDITION TO FOLLOWING SAUDI ACTIVITIES RELATED TO YEMEN, ANALYSTS ARE PLANNING TO WRITE AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER POLICYMAKERS ON THE ROLE OF SAUDI ARABIA'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS AND ABDALLAH'S SONS. WE PLAN TO USE EMBASSY RIYADH'S CABLE IN DRAFTING THIS ASSESSMENT. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR POST WILL BE SENT IN SEPTEL. REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.